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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA: RECOGNITION AND WHO MEMBERSHIP

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1. THE INDEFATIGABLE MR OH, SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE D' AFFAIRES, TOLD US MAY 8 HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FRESH INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL TO KEEP TRYING WITH THE ICELANDERS. HE ASSUMES THE INSTRUCTIONS CAME TO HIM BECAUSE THE FIRST SECRETARY WHO WAS LEFT IN CHARGE IN STOCKHOLM WHEN THE ROK AMB WAS WITHDRAWN IS NEW AND INEXPERIENCED. AGAIN PLEADING INABILITY TO REACH THE ICELANDIC GOVT (THOUGH HE DOES HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE ICELANDIC AMB HERE MAY 9), HE ASKED WHETHER AMB IRVING MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH TO THE FONMIN IN REYKJAVIK.

2. OH RECALLED THAT, AS AMB MOON MENTIONED TO AMB IRVING,
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FONMIN AGUSTSSON HAD TOLD HIM THAT THERE WOULD BE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BEFORE A DECISION WAS REACHED ON RECOGNITION, AND THAT AGUSTSSON HAD PROMISED TO PRESENT THE ROK VIEWPOINT AS WELL AS POSSIBLE. SEOUL WAS ENCOURAGED BY THAT REPORT, AND OH ASKS WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ANY OF THE DETAILS OF THE APPARENT DECISION, REPORTED IN REF A, TO MOVE AHEAD ON RECOGNITION. WERE THE CONSULTATIONS HELD? HE ALSO HOPES YOU MIGHT HAVE ANOTHER GO AT URGING ICELAND TO FALL IN LINE WITH NORWAY RATHER THAN DENMARK-- I. E., TO CONTINUE TO PROCRASTINATE ON RECOGNITION.

3. IN ADDITION, OH THINKS ANOTHER EFFORT ON THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY VOTE WOULD BE DESIRABLE. IN THE LIGHT OF THE DANISH DECISION TO POSTPONE RECOGNITION UNTIL AFTER THE WHA VOTE (REF B), OH WOULD LIKE TO ARGUE-- OR, RATHER, TO HAVE YOU ARGUE ON HIS BEHALF-- THAT IF NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON RECOGNITION IT SHOULD BE EASIER TO ABSTAIN ON THE POSTPONEMENT RESOLUTION.

4. IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BE HELPFUL, WE AGREED TO RELAY OH'S REQUEST TO YOU. WE CAUTIONAN, HOWEVER, THAT AMB IRVING MAY WELL CONSIDER THAT YOUR TWO DEMARCHES LATE LAST WEEK (FOR WHICH OH EXPRESSED GRATITUDE) ARE ALL THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR AT THE MOMENT. CROWE

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